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1. HERewith FULL TEXT BERNARD GWERTZMAN FRONT PAGE
BYLINER FRIDAY, MAY 10, NEW YORK TIMES HEADLINED "A
REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK: ON THE KISSINGER SHUTTLE."

2. A TYPICAL DAY WITH THE KISSINGER PARTY: ISRAEL, SAUDI
ARABIA, EGYPT.

3. 7:15 A.M.--THIS WAS FIFTH TIME IN WEEK KISSINGER PARTY
HAS TAKEN OFF FROM TEL AVIV AND SCENERY BY NOW FAMILIAR.
LIVELY DISCUSSION AS USUAL ON BUS WHETHER MR. KISSINGER
CAN ACHIEVE A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, WILL RETURN TO
WASHINGTON WITHOUT ONE OR ALREADY HAS IT WRAPPED UP BUT
IS "POOR MOUNTING" (SIC) CHANCES.

4. 8:20 A.M.--BUS DRIVES THROUGH SECURITY CHECK ONTO
TARMAC TO AIR FORCE 707 JET IN DISTANT PART OF FIELD,
SURROUNDED BY ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES WITH SUBMACHINE
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GUNS OVER SHOULDERS. KISSINGER PARTY EXEMPT FROM USUAL

PASSPORT AND CUSTOMS CHECKS, BUT ALL CARRY-ON LUGGAGE CLOSELY EXAMINED BY AMERICAN SECRET SERVICE AGENTS FOR POSSIBLE BOMBS PLANTED ON UNSUSPECTING PASSENGERS.

5. WHILE WAITING FOR MR. KISSINGER TO ARRIVE, NEWSMEN AND ISRAELI OFFICIALS MINGLE ON FIELD, EACH TRYING TO LEARN SOMETHING FROM OTHER. CHIEF OF ISRAELI SECURITY ANXIOUSLY SCANS HORIZON, THEN WALKS AND LOOKS INTO SERVICE VEHICLE PARKED NEAR PLANE FOR BOMB.

6. 8:50 A.M.--MR. KISSINGER ARRIVES IN BULLETPROOF LIMOUSINE. TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA EBAN AND THEN REPEATS A POPULAR JOKE, LOOKING AT SIMCHA DINITZ, ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. SEEING MR. DINITZ TALKING TO SOME AMERICAN NEWSMEN, HE SAYS: "SEE, DINITZ IS NOW HANDING HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PRESS." SOMETHING, MR. KISSINGER SAYS: "SIMCHA IS REVIEWING HIS TROOPS," REFERRING TO ISRAEL'S CLOSE CULTIVATION OF THE AMERICAN PRESS.

7. 9:08 A.M.--WHEELS UP IN FEW MINUTES, THE THREE-MAN AIR FORCE TEAM OF STEWARDS BEGINS SERVING BREAKFAST. MEAL, SERVED COMMERCIAL STYLE ON TRAYS THAT SLIP INTO ARMS OF SEATS, CONSISTS OF TOMATO JUICE, SCRAMBLED EGGS, BACON AND THREE SAUSAGE LINKS, A ROLL AND COFFEE, TEA OR MILK. THE EGGS WERE SCRAMBLED ON AIRCRAFT. WORD SPREADS ABOARD THE REAR OF PLANE, WHERE PRESS SITS, THAT WILLIAM H. DONALDSON, UNDER SECRETARY FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE, MAN IN CHARGE OF STATE DEPARTMENT'S OIL POLICY, HAD QUIT IN DISAGREEMENT WITH MR. KISSINGER.

8. MR. KISSINGER IS SEEN WALKING AROUND IN THE STAFF SECTION OF THE PLANE, WHERE TABLES ARE SET UP ALLOWING WORK TO BE DONE. HE IS AGITATEDLY TALKING TO JOSEPH J. SISCO, THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND THE TOP MIDDLE EAST MAN. ELLSWORTH BUNKER, WHO WILL BE 80 ON SATURDAY, ALSO LEANS OVER TO LISTEN. MR. KISSINGER SEES PRESS LOOKING AT HIM, AND ORDERS DOOR CLOSED, BLOCKING HIM FROM VIEW.

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9. 10:00 A.M.--ROBERT ANDERSON, MR. KISSINGER'S PRESS SPOKESMAN, WALKS FROM MR. KISSINGER'S QUARTERS AT FRONT OF PLANE, TO TELL PRESS, THAT MR. KISSINGER WILL NOT SEE THEM BEFORE LANDING IN RIYADH. "HE'S TOO BUSY," MR. ANDERSON SAID. HE PROVIDES SOME LOGISTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN RIYADH UPON ARRIVAL. AS ON FOUR OTHER KISSINGER VISITS TO THE DESERT CAPITAL, NEWSMEN ARE TO BE TAKEN TO HOTEL CALLED

SAHARI PALACE, WHERE TWO SPECIAL OUTSIDE TELEPHONE LINES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED. NORMALLY, NO WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUTSIDE WORLD QUICKLY FROM RIYADH. MR. ANDERSON IS ASKED ABOUT REPORT OF DONALDSON RESIGNATION AND CONFIRMS THAT HE QUIT BUT PROFESSES NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHY.

10. 10:10 A.M.--MR. SISCO WALKS TO BACK OF PLANE. HE IS ASKED BY NEWSMEN ABOUT SYRIAN COUNTERPROPOSALS BROUGHT TO ISRAEL YESTERDAY BY MR. KISSINGER. MR. SISCO, WHO SAT IN ON TALKS WITH PRESIDENT HAFEX AL-ASSAD OF SYRIA, SHRUGS SHOULDERS AND SAYS, "I CAN'T GET INTO THAT."

11. 11:15 A.M.--LIVELY DISCUSSION BREAKS OUT IN PRESS AREA OF PLANE OVER WHETHER NEWSMEN TRAVELING WITH MR. KISSINGER ARE "USED" OR "MANIPULATED" BY HIM. THIS IS RECURRING THEME ON THESE FLIGHTS BECAUSE OF NEWSMEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS THAT THEIR SOURCE OF INFORMATION HAS USUALLY BEEN MR. KISSINGER AND THIS SERVES TO PROMOTE HIS VIEWS, USUALLY UNDER HIS FAVORITE GUISE AS "A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL." GENERAL CONSENSUS SEEMS TO BE THAT EVERY OFFICIAL GIVES HIS OWN POINT OF VIEW WHEN ADDRESSING PRESS AND DUTY OF NEWSMEN IS TO MAKE CLEAR SOMEHOW THAT THIS IS A POINT OF VIEW AND NOT NECESSARILY WHOLE TRUTH.

12. PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION DID NOT INTEREST SOME NEWSMEN WHO CONTINUED TO PLAY GAME CALLED "LIARS' POKER," IN WHICH THE SERIAL NUMBERS ON DOLLAR BILLS SERVE AS SORT OF PLAYING CARDS.

13. 11:20 A.M.--AS PLANE NEARS RIYADH, SIX-MAN SECURITY DETAIL GETS READY FOR LANDING. THEY ARE ISSUED HANDGUNS, WHICH THEY PUT INTO WAIST HOLSTERS, AND STRAP THEIR SMALL WALKIE-TALKIES TO THEIR BELTS. UNLIKE DAMASCUS, UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY DO NOT WEAR BULLETPROOF VESTS ON THIS STOP.

14. 11:30 A.M.--ALFRED L. ATHERTON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS, STOPS TO CHAT IN AISLE AND SAYS SYRIA AND ISRAEL NOW CONTEMPLATING EACH OTHER'S REVISED DISENGAGEMENT PROPOSALS AND MR. KISSINGER HOPES TO RECEIVE THEIR DECISIONS WHEN HE SEES THEM NEXT--ISRAEL TOMORROW AND SYRIA PROBABLY ON SUNDAY. PURPOSE OF MR. KISSINGER'S TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT TODAY AIMED AT GAINING FURTHER MODERATE ARAB SUPPORT FOR PRESSURE ON SYRIA TO COMPROMISE.

15. 11:32 A.M.--NEWSMAN NOTES THIS IS FIRST TIME MR. KISSINGER HAD NOT COME BACK TO JOKE ABOUT AN ARRIVAL IN RIYADH. IN PAST, T

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